
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING EDWARD OSHIRO AS THE 2015 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA
EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER, JASON
DETTWEILER-PAVIA AS THE 2014 HAWAII VOYA UNSUNG HEROES
AWARD WINNER, JANA FUKADA AS THE 2014 MILKEN EDUCATOR, RYAN
KAGAMI AS THE 2014 MILKEN EDUCATOR TEACHER OF PROMISE,
BARON BAROZA AS THE 2014 LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR, AND DON
RAMOS AS THE 2014 LIBRARIAN EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD
WINNER.

1 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii take great pride
2 in recognizing and honoring the superb achievements and notable
3 contributions of educators who, through their extraordinary
4 dedication and personal efforts, significantly improve the
5 quality of education for the children of Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, the quality of education rests heavily upon the
8 shoulders of academic instructors and administrators, whose hard
9 work and dedication are important to the character development,
10 happiness, and success of each generation of students; and
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12 WHEREAS, EDWARD OSHIRO, currently the Principal of Ewa
13 Makai Middle School, is the recipient of the 2015 Masayuki
14 Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award for his
15 leadership, hard work, and clear vision, working towards making
16 sure that all students are learning and making gains toward
17 reaching their fullest potential; and
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19 WHEREAS, JASON DETTWEILER-PAVIA, a third-grade teacher at
20 Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary School, is the recipient
21 of the Hawaii 2014 Voya Unsung Heroes Award, a result of his
22 innovative teaching idea, "Worms at Work," which is designed to
23 develop a school garden consisting of multiple components, such
24 as fruit and vegetable gardens, a native Hawaiian garden, a
25 green-waste composting system, and a vermicast worm system; the
26 project includes all subject areas, including science, reading,



1 writing, math, social studies, health and art; this year, he is
2 expanding the vermicast worm system to include approximately 75
3 third grade students across all three classrooms; the next step
4 will be to create a large capacity worm system capable of
5 recycling all of the vegetative waste produced by the cafeteria;
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8 WHEREAS, JANA FUKADA, a kindergarten teacher at Mililani
9 Uka Elementary School, is the recipient of the 2014 Milken
10 Educator Award by virtue of her passion for teaching and
11 continuous drive to refine her lessons to better serve all
12 students by creating an engaging classroom environment for
13 learning; JANA FUKADA's ability to weave the curriculum together
14 to create and teach interdisciplinary lessons helped to develop
15 plans and assessments for the Hawaii Common Core Standards;
16 recent data from her class showed 70 percent of students were at
17 or near grade level in English; 93 percent were proficient in
18 math; 94 percent were proficient in science; and 100 percent met
19 social studies goals; she's been a grade level chairperson for
20 three years and was the only teacher selected to serve on the
21 state's Student Information Systems Evaluation Committee;
22 additionally, she has presented at the consortium for the Hawaii
23 Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Hawaii Writing Conference
24 and has visited other islands to help train teachers on math
25 curricula; and
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27 WHEREAS, RYAN KAGAMI, a seventh- and eighth-grade science
28 teacher at Kailua Intermediate School, is the 2014 National
29 Milken Educators of Hawaii "Teacher of Promise", selected due to
30 his commitment to excellence in education and his hands on
31 approach to make his lessons come alive by creating a classroom
32 aquaponics system; the miniature lab draws students' interest in
33 complex topics such as water and nitrogen cycles, plant biology,
34 fish anatomy, and the role microbial communities play in the
35 earth's ecosystem; RYAN KAGAMI was also a catalyst in launching
36 the Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, program
37 at Kailua Intermediate School; this school year, the home of the
38 Jr. Surfriders fully implemented AVID, which promotes college
39 readiness and high expectations; and
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1 WHEREAS, BARON BAROZA, the branch librarian at the newly
2 relocated Aiea Public Library, is the 2014 Librarian of the
3 Year; BARON BAROZA has worked at the Aiea branch since 2012 and
4 has been instrumental in working through the construction period
5 and facilitating the move into the new library building which
6 opened in July 2014; a dedicated public servant, BARON BAROZA
7 has been serving in the public library system since 2007 and has
8 become an exemplary model of leadership and public service; and
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10 WHEREAS, DON RAMOS, a Library Assistant III at Kahuku
11 Public and School Library, is the 2014 Librarian Excellence in
12 Service Award winner, being selected for his dedication to his
13 work, willingness to assist library patrons, and creativity at
14 the library; DON RAMOS started off as a youth worker at Kahuku
15 Public and School Library in 1975 and has since dedicated his
16 time to assist and serve Kahuku Public and School Library and
17 the public; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, that this body hereby commends, congratulates,
22 and honors EDWARD OSHIRO, JASON DETTWEILER-PAVIA, JANA FUKADA,
23 RYAN KAGAMI, BARON BAROZA, and DON RAMOS for their outstanding
24 accomplishments and much-deserved recognition, and extends to
25 all of them its sincere mahalo and best wishes for continued
26 success in all future endeavors.
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